

**RULES  
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DIVISION OF STATE PARKS**

**CHAPTER 0400-2-2  
PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION**

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**0400-2-2-.01 ABANDONED AND UNATTENDED PROPERTY.**

- (1) Abandonment of any vehicle or other personal property is prohibited in a park area and such property may be impounded by the Superintendent or an authorized person.
- (2) Leaving any vehicle or other personal property unattended for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission of the Superintendent, is prohibited and any property so left shall be impounded by the Superintendent. In the event unattended property interferes with a safe and orderly management of the park area, it may be impounded by the Superintendent at any time.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.02 AIRCRAFT.**

- (1) The operation or use of aircraft on lands or waters other than at the landing areas designated in special regulations is prohibited. Where a water surface is designated as a landing area, the operation or use of aircraft on the water within 500 feet of bathing beaches, boat docks, floats, piers, ramps, or within one mile of water controlled structures, except as otherwise provided by special regulations, is prohibited.
- (2) Except in extreme emergencies involving the safety of human life or threat of serious property loss, the air delivery of any person or thing by parachute, helicopter, or other means without prior written permission of the Superintendent is prohibited.
- (3) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to aircraft engaged on official business of the Federal Government or State Government, or used in emergency rescue in accordance with the directions of the Superintendent, or forced to land due to circumstances beyond the control of the operator.

(Rule 0400-2-2-.02, continued)

- (4) The operation of aircraft shall be in accordance with current applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Agency, State Aviation Commission and posted regulations of the individual Recreation Airports within the park areas.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

#### **0400-2-2-.03 AUDIO DEVICES.**

- (1) The operation or use of any audio devices including radios, television sets, musical instruments, and noise producing devices such as electric generating plants, or other equipment driven by motors or engines in such a manner and at such times so as to unreasonably annoy persons in campgrounds, picnic areas, lodges, or at other public places or gatherings is prohibited.
- (2) The operation or use of public address systems, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted on lands, waters, and highways, is prohibited except when such use or operation is in connection with public gatherings or special events for which permits have been issued by the Superintendent.
- (3) The installation of aereals or other special radio, telephone, or television equipment is prohibited unless authorized by the Superintendent.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

#### **0400-2-2-.04 BEGGING AND SOLICITING.**

- (1) Begging is prohibited.
- (2) Hitchhiking or the soliciting of transportation is prohibited.
- (3) Commercial soliciting of any kind without a permit is prohibited: provided, that this section shall not apply to transactions with authorized concessioners.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

#### **0400-2-2-.05 CAMPING.**

- (1) Camping and the use of trailers or other camper units is permitted only at designated location: provided, however, that the Superintendent may issue written permits to persons desiring to camp in backcountry, or other isolated sections of a park area, or may designate portions of the park area in which such permits will not be required by marking on a map which shall be available for public inspection in the Park Offices.
- (2) Within designated locations, the pitching of tents or parking of trailers or other camper units is permitted only at the sites designated.
- (3) The Director and/or Superintendent may establish limitations on the length of time persons may camp within a park area, either in a single period or in combined separate periods. Such limitations shall be posted at campgrounds, ranger stations, or other appropriate locations.
- (4) The installation of permanent camping facilities is prohibited.
- (5) The digging or leveling of the ground at any campsite is prohibited.
- (6) Camping equipment must be completely removed and camping sites cleaned by campers before departure.

(Rule 0400-2-2-.05, continued)

- (7) Quiet shall be maintained in all campgrounds between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (8) The gathering of wood for use as fuel in campgrounds or picnic areas shall be limited to dead material on the ground, except where such gathering is prohibited by the Superintendent by the posting of appropriate signs.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.06 CLOSING OF AREAS.** The Superintendent may establish a reasonable schedule of visiting hours for all portions of a park area and close or restrict the public use of all or any portion of a park area, when necessary for the protection of the area or the safety and welfare of persons or property by the posting of appropriate signs indicating the extent and scope of closure. All persons shall observe and abide by the officially posted signs designating closed areas and visiting hours.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.07 DISORDERLY CONDUCT.**

- (1) Disorderly conduct is prohibited.
- (2) Offense defined: A person is guilty of disorderly conduct with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, if he shall:
  - (a) Engage in fighting or in threatening, violent or tumultuous behavior; or
  - (b) Make unreasonable noise or make an offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display, or address abusive language to any person present; or
  - (c) Create a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act or threat of action.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.08 DOGS, CATS, AND OTHER PETS.**

- (1) Dogs, cats and other pets are prohibited unless they are crated, caged or on a leash, or otherwise under physical restrictive control at all times.
- (2) Pets are prohibited in park inns, cabins, lodges, public eating places, food stores, and on designated swimming beaches and pools at all times. The Superintendent may also designate, by the posting of appropriate signs, other portions of park areas where pets are not permitted. This prohibition shall not apply to Seeing Eye Dogs or Hearing Ear Dogs with their master.
- (3) The keeping of dogs, cats or other pets by residents is prohibited unless authorized by the Superintendent under such conditions as he may prescribe.
- (4) Dogs, cats or other pets running at large and observed in the act of killing, injuring or molesting humans or wildlife may be disposed of in the interest of public safety and protection of the wildlife.
- (5) In park areas where hunting is permitted, the use of dogs may be allowed in accordance with rules of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission.

(Rule 0400-2-2-.08, continued)

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.09 EXPLOSIVES.**

- (1) The use or possession of explosives is prohibited except upon written permission of the Superintendent. Any authorized use or possession of explosives shall conform with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws.
- (2) The use or possession of fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except upon written permission of the Superintendent.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.10 FALSE REPORTS.** The giving of any false or fictitious report or other information to any authorized person investigating an accident or any violation of law or regulations is prohibited.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.11 FIREARMS, TRAPS, AND OTHER WEAPONS.** In park, natural, and historical areas the use of traps, seines, handthrown spears, nets (except landing nets), firearms (including air and gas powered pistols and rifles), blow guns, bows and arrows or crossbows, and any other implements designed to discharge missiles in the air or under the water which are capable of destroying animal life is prohibited. The possession of such objects or implements is prohibited unless they are unloaded and adequately cased, or broken down or otherwise packed in such a way as to prevent their use while in the park areas.

Exception 1: Shooters may use recreational target shooting ranges available for skeet, trap and bow and arrow target shooting within a park area as long as these weapons are properly cased when not on the range.

Exception 2: Authorized Federal, State, County and City law enforcement officers may carry firearms in the performance of their official duties.

Exception 3: Persons using park area facilities while participating in authorized open or managed hunts within the park areas or beyond, may use and possess firearms under the specific rules and regulations pertaining to the authorized hunt and only in the authorized hunting zones or compartments.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.12 FIRES.**

- (1) The kindling of any fire is permitted only:
  - (a) In designated camping and picnic grounds when the fire is confined in a fireplace provided for the use of visitors, or grills, or in locations marked by the Superintendent; or
  - (b) In other locations, including backcountry, wilderness and remote sections of the park areas when a written permit has been secured from the Superintendent; or
  - (c) In stoves or lanterns using gasoline, propane, butane gas or similar fuels.

(Rule 0400-2-2-.12, continued)

- (2) Fires must be kindled in such manner that no tree, shrub, grass, or other inflammable or combustible matter will be set on fire or caused to be set on fire.
- (3) When no longer needed the fire shall be completely extinguished. Leaving a fire unattended is prohibited.
- (4) Throwing or dropping a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe heel, match or other burning material is prohibited.
- (5) The kindling of fires on park area lands and privately owned lands under the legislative jurisdiction of the State of Tennessee may be prohibited or limited by the Superintendent by posted signs when the fire hazard makes such action necessary.
- (6) The Superintendent, during such periods of time as he may prescribe, may prohibit smoking on any lands, including roads and trails, by the posting of appropriate signs.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.13 FISHING.**

- (1) Unless further restricted herein or by special regulation, fishing within park areas shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
- (2) Fishing in all park lakes may require a fishing permit for which there may be a nominal charge.
- (3) Digging for bait is prohibited within all park areas.
- (4) The transplanting or introducing of any live fish or fish eggs into the waters of any park area is prohibited.
- (5) Fishing is prohibited from within 200 feet of any public raft or float designed for water sports or within the limits of designated mooring areas or swimming areas. Fishing from within 200 feet of public boat docks with designated harbors may be prohibited by the Superintendent by the posting of appropriate signs.
- (6) Fishing from motor vehicle bridges is prohibited.
- (7) State fishing licenses and park permits must be exhibited upon demand to any person authorized to enforce the provisions of these regulations.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.14 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

- (1) Except in facilities that are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, consumption of alcoholic beverages within state park areas that are open to the general public is forbidden.
- (2) Except in facilities that are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, the public display of any container of alcoholic beverages is prohibited within state park areas that are open to the general public.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-203, 4-5-206, and 11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed May 1, 1975; effective May 31, 1975. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987. Amendment filed October 15, 2003; effective December 29, 2003.

**0400-2-2-.15 LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES.** All lost articles shall be deposited by the finder at the office of the Superintendent or at the nearest Ranger Station, leaving the name and address of the finder. Articles not claimed within thirty (30) days will be sent to the finder if they so request.

*Authority: T.C.A. §11-1-108. Administrative History: Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.*

**0400-2-2-.16 PICNICKING.**

- (1) In Natural and Cultural areas, picnicking is prohibited except in those locations designated by the Superintendent, by the posting of appropriate signs.
- (2) In recreation areas, picnicking is permitted unless appropriate signs have been posted by the Superintendent identifying locations where picnicking is not permitted.

*Authority: T.C.A. §11-1-108. Administrative History: Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.*

**0400-2-2-.17 PORTABLE ENGINES AND MOTORS.** The operation or use of a portable motor-driven electric generating plant, pump, or other equipment driven by a portable engine or motor outside any developed or public use area without written permission from the Superintendent, is prohibited. The Superintendent may issue a permit for the use if he determines that the applicant has submitted satisfactory justification for the use of such equipment, that natural resources will not be impaired, and that no undue interference with public enjoyment of the park area will result. This section does not apply to outboard motors in areas where outboard motorboating is permitted, nor does it apply to electric generating plants on vessels.

*Authority: T.C.A. §11-1-108. Administrative History: Original rule certified May 24, 1974.*

**0400-2-2-.18 PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, NATURAL FEATURES, CURIOSITIES AND RESOURCES.**

- (1) The intentional or wanton destruction, defacement, or removal of any natural or cultural feature or non-renewable natural resource is prohibited without a permit granted pursuant to rule 0400-2-2-.26 SCIENTIFIC SPECIMENS.
- (2) The intentional or wanton destruction, injury, defacement, removal or disturbance in any manner of any public buildings, signs, equipment, monument, marker or other structure or of any relic, artifact, ruin or historic or pre-historic feature or of any other similar public property is prohibited. The intentional or wanton possession of park equipment is prohibited without the authorization of the Superintendent or his designate.
- (3) Gathering or collecting for personal use reasonable quantities of natural products of a renewable nature including but not limited to fruits, berries, and driftwood is permitted; however, the gathering or collecting of such products for the purpose of commercial sale or other commercial use is prohibited.
- (4) The gathering or collecting of small quantities of pebbles or small rocks by hand for personal use is permitted; however, the collection of such objects for the purpose of commercial sale or other commercial use is prohibited.
- (5) The destroying, digging, cutting, removing, or possession of any tree, shrub, or other plant is prohibited without a permit granted by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(Rule 0400-2-2-.18, continued)

- (6) The use of any mineral or metal detecting device capable of detecting the underground or underwater location of geological, archaeological or historical objects or materials is prohibited. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to:
  - (a) fathometers, radar equipment and electronic equipment used primarily for the navigation and safe operation of boats and aircraft;
  - (b) to persons possessing a permit from the State Archaeologist to conduct legitimate archaeological research when such permit is signed by the Director of Parks and Recreation; and
  - (c) to an individual engaged in a limited search for a lost item under supervision of the park Superintendent.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

#### **0400-2-2-.19 PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS.**

- (1) Public meetings, assemblies, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views are permitted within park areas on lands which are open to the general public provided a permit therefor has been issued by the Superintendent.
- (2) Any application for such a permit shall set forth the name of the applicant, the date, time, duration, nature and place of the proposed event, and estimate of the number of persons expected to attend, and a statement of equipment and facilities to be used in connection therewith.
- (3) The Superintendent shall issue a permit on proper application unless:
  - (a) A prior application for the same time and place has been made which has been or will be granted; or
  - (b) The event will present a clear and present danger to the public health or safety; or
  - (c) The event is of such nature or duration that it cannot reasonably be accommodated in the particular park area applied for.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.20 REPORT OF INJURY OR DAMAGE.** All incidents resulting in injury to persons or damage to property must be reported by the person or persons involved as soon as possible to the Superintendent. This report does not relieve persons from the responsibility of making any other accident reports which may be required under State law.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

#### **0400-2-2-.21 SADDLE AND PACK ANIMALS.**

- (1) Horses and other saddle or pack animals are permitted only on those trails or routes established for their use, except in those areas where cross-country travel is permitted by the Superintendent.
- (2) The use of horses or other saddle or pack animals upon the main traveled or maintained portion of roadways is prohibited except where such travel is necessary for ingress to and egress from trails or privately owned property, or is incidental to authorized travel.

(Rule 0400-2-2-.21, continued)

- (3) In the interest of the public safety and welfare the Superintendent, by special regulation, may require that saddle horse parties and pack trains shall be in the charge of a guide who has been licensed under State of local laws or who meets qualifications which may be established by the Superintendent, or both, if the Superintendent deems it necessary.
- (4) Riding or hitching horses, or other saddle or pack animals in campgrounds, picnic areas, or within the immediate vicinity of trail shelters, eating or sleeping establishments or other areas of public gatherings, except where trails and facilities are designated or provided for such use, is prohibited.
- (5) Riders shall slow their horses to a walk or slow trot when passing persons on foot or on bicycles.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

#### **0400-2-2-.22 SANITATION.**

- (1) All garbage, papers, cans, bottles, waste materials and rubbish of any kind must be burned in authorized fires, or disposed of only at points or places designated for the disposal thereof, or removed from the area. All noncombustible waste materials shall be deposited only in places designated from the disposal of such materials or removed from the area.
- (2) Draining or dumping refuse or wastes from any trailer, or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for such use is prohibited.
- (3) Cleaning food or washing clothing or articles of household use at campground hydrants is prohibited.
- (4) Polluting or contaminating in any manner any watershed, water supplies or water used for drinking purposes is prohibited.
- (5) Fish entrails or other inedible parts of fish shall not be thrown into fresh waters or onto park area lands in areas of public concentration.
- (6) Depositing any body waste in or on any portion of any comfort station or other public structure except into fixtures provided for that purpose is prohibited. Placing any bottle, can, cloth, rag, metal, wood, or stone substances in any of the plumbing fixtures in such station or structure is prohibited. All comfort stations shall be used in a clean, sanitary, and orderly manner.
- (7) Urinating or defecating other than at the places provided therefor is prohibited, except in backcountry, wilderness or other remote areas.
- (8) Using State refuse containers or other refuse facilities for dumping household or commercial garbage or trash brought as such from private property is prohibited.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.23 SCIENTIFIC SPECIMENS.** Unless specifically permitted by other regulations, the collection of plants, rocks, minerals, animal life, botanical specimens, or other natural objects or artifacts, or cultural artifacts is permitted only after the collector has received a written permit from the Director of Parks and Recreation.

- (1) No permits will be issued to any individuals or associations to collect specimens for personal use but only to persons officially representing reputable scientific or educational institutions in procuring specimens for research, group study or museum display.
- (2) Permits will be issued only on condition that the specimens taken will become part of the permanent collection of a public museum or herbarium or will in some suitable way be made permanently available to the public and the scientific community.



(Rule 0400-2-2-.23, continued)

- (3) No permits may be granted for the collection of specimens, the removal of which would disturb the remaining natural features or mar the appearance of a park area.
- (4) Permits to secure “rare” natural objects, flora or fauna will be granted by the Director only upon proof of special need for scientific use and of the fact that such cannot be secured elsewhere.
- (5) The Director may require that the collector provide a complete report of the scientific investigation to the Department of Conservation as a condition of granting a permit.
- (6) The Director of Parks and Recreation is responsible for coordinating the approvals of the Division of Ecological Services and the Division of Archaeology before granting permits to collectors on state park properties in cases where these Divisions have oversight interests.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.24 SKATING, SKATEBOARDS.** The use of roller skates and skateboards is prohibited except in locations designated by the Superintendent by the posting of appropriate signs.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.25 SPECIAL EVENTS.** Sports events, pageants, reenactments, regattas, entertainments and the like, characterized as public spectator attractions, are prohibited unless written permission therefor has been given by the Superintendent. Such permits may be issued only after a finding that the issuance of such permit will not be inconsistent with the purposes for which the area is established and maintained, and will cause the minimum possible interference with use of the area by the general public. The permit may contain such reasonable conditions and restrictions as to duration and area occupied as are necessary for protection of the area and public use thereof.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.26 SWIMMING AND BATHING.**

- (1) Swimming and bathing are prohibited except in designated beach areas, waters and pools.
- (2) The Park Superintendent, with the approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation, may post and enforce appropriate rules and regulations governing swimming areas. Violators of posted rules governing the use of pools and beaches will be subject to removal from the premises if the violation is flagrant or repeated or if in the judgment of the Park Superintendent the continued presence of the violator would create a hazardous condition in the area.
- (3) The Park Superintendent or his designated staff in a pool or beach area are charged with providing a safe condition in these areas and as such may, from time to time, regulate public use of these facilities for the protection of public health and safety. Nothing in these rules shall be construed as limiting the authority of a lifeguard or other personnel in regulating public behavior at beaches and other swimming areas, to only posted rules.
- (4) Scuba diving is prohibited within the limits of designated swimming, boat mooring, and boat docking areas.
- (5) Scuba diving will be permitted in those state park lakes which are within the borders of a park but only upon receiving a permit to do so from the Superintendent or his authorized representative. This permit will be granted upon demonstration by the applicant that he/she has received scuba certification which is granted to those successfully completing courses meeting the *Revised Instructional Standards: Minimum Course Content for Entry-Level Scuba Certification*, January 16, 1986, including any

(Rule 0400-2-2-.26, continued)

subsequent revision to these standards. These standards are subscribed to by: National Association of Scuba Diving Schools, National Association of Underwriter Instructors, NAVI, PADI, Scuba Schools International and the YMCA. Provided, however, the Park Superintendent may refuse to grant a permit whenever in his judgment safety conditions or park operation concerns dictate.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.27 TAMPERING WITH VEHICLE OR VESSEL.** Tampering or attempting to tamper with any vehicle, vessel or other equipment which is not lawfully in one's possession or control, or entering or going upon, moving or manipulating any of the parts or components of any vehicle, vessel or other equipment or starting or setting the same in motion, except under such lawful possession or control, are prohibited.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**0400-2-2-.28 TRAVEL ON TRAILS.**

- (1) The use of bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and other motor vehicles is prohibited on trails in park areas unless otherwise designated by the Superintendent by the posting of appropriate signs.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.29 WATER SKIING.**

- (1) In lakes which are totally within the boundaries of a park area, the towing of water skis and similar devices by vessels is prohibited. In other lakes, water skiing is permitted except in waters which are posted by appropriate signs or markers.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.30 WILDLIFE; HUNTING.**

- (1) The hunting, killing, wounding, frightening or capture at any time of any wildlife is prohibited, except dangerous animals when it is necessary to prevent them from destroying human lives or inflicting personal injury.

Exception: On park areas during those times when hunts are being conducted in accordance with Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's laws and regulations.

- (2) Except as otherwise provided herein, the feeding, touching, teasing, molesting or intentional disturbance of any wildlife or the activities or phenomena of wildlife is prohibited.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987.

**0400-2-2-.31 WINTER SPORTS.**

- (1) Skiing, sledding, tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating, and other similar winter sports are permitted except upon roads and parking areas when such roads and parking areas are open to motor vehicle traffic and in other places where these activities are prohibited by posted signs.

(Rule 0400-2-2-.31, continued)

- (2) The towing of persons on skis, sleds, or other sliding devices is permitted only on routes or in locations designated by the Superintendent. Such designations may be made by marking on a map of the area which shall be available for public inspection at the park office, or by posting of signs.

**Authority:** *T.C.A. §11-1-108. Administrative History: Original rule certified May 24, 1974.*

**0400-2-2-.32 STATE PARKS ENTRANCE FEES AND PARKING FEES.**

- (1) Purpose.

This rule is promulgated for the purpose of establishing entrance fees and parking fees to provide funding to maintain and improve the quality of facilities and services offered to all patrons of Tennessee State Parks System. It is the commissioner's intent that funds raised pursuant to this part will remain exclusively within the Tennessee State Parks System.

- (2) Entrance Permit Required.

All persons who enter a Designated Fee Area within the Tennessee State Parks System must have a valid entrance permit. Permits may be obtained at all Parks Visitor Centers and other locations designated by the commissioner.

- (3) Designated Fee Area.

An area is a "Designated Fee Area" if the entrances to the area are so posted. Such postings may include the portion of the calendar year for which fees shall be charged and shall specify where entrance permits may be obtained. Any person who fails to obtain a permit as directed shall be subject to enforcement pursuant to Rule 0400-2-1-.04.

- (4) Types of Permits.

- (a) Complimentary Permit. Entrance permits shall be provided free of charge to the following persons:

1. Any person taking part in an organized tour or outing conducted for educational or scientific purposes related to the resources of the area visited by bona fide institutions established for these purposes. (Applicants for waiver of fees on this basis will be required to provide documentation of their official recognition as educational or scientific institutions by Federal, State or local government bodies and will also be required to provide a statement as to the purposes of the visit proposed. Waivers granted on this basis will include all participating students and instructors, as well as accompanying non instructor chaperones
2. Any person conducting State, local, or Federal government business within any Designated Fee Area;
3. Any person who has not reached thirteen (13) years of age; or
4. Any person performing approved volunteer projects/work in a State park.

- (b) Tennessee State Parks Passport.

1. The Tennessee State Parks Passport is valid for admission to any Designated Fee Area.
2. The charge for the Tennessee State Parks Passport shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00).

(Rule 0400-2-2-.32, continued)

3. Except as provided in part 4 of this subparagraph, the Tennessee State Parks Passport shall be valid for one year from date of purchase.
  4. For an additional fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00), a Tennessee State Parks Passport that is purchased by a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall be valid for the lifetime of that person.
- (c) Single-Visit Permit.
1. A Single-Visit Permit shall be required for all persons not admitted by a Complimentary Permit or Tennessee State Parks Passport.
  2. The charge for the Single-Visit Permit shall not be more than two dollars (\$2.00) per person. In lieu of this per person charge, the commissioner may establish a per vehicle charge. Any per vehicle charge established shall not exceed the total charge that would result if all passengers in the vehicle were charged on a per person basis.
  3. A Single-Visit Permit shall be valid at the Designated Fee Area for which the permit is purchased during the same calendar day of purchase.
- (5) Display and Nontransferability of Entrance Permits.
- (a) Every permit shall be exhibited/displayed in the manner designated in the permit.
  - (b) Permits are nontransferable.
- (6) Parking Fees.
- (a) The Commissioner may charge a fee for the privilege of parking motor vehicles on State Park property. Such parking fees may be in addition to entrance fees.
    1. The parking fee for vehicles capable of carrying fifteen (15) passengers or less shall range between one dollar (\$ 1.00) and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per day.
    2. The parking fee for vehicles capable of carrying more than fifteen (15) passengers shall range between ten dollars (\$ 10.00) and fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.
    3. The Commissioner may establish weekly, monthly, or annual parking fees that do not exceed the daily rates.
  - (b) Areas where a parking fee is charged shall be clearly posted. The posted sign shall include the rate and directions for making payment.
- (7) Entrance Permits and Parking Fees Distinguished from Recreation Use Fees.
- Neither Entrance Fee Permits nor the payment of parking fees authorizes the use of any facility for which a recreation use fee is charged. These fees are in addition to all other fees (e.g. green fees, slip fees, etc).
- (8) The Commissioner may waive all or part of any fees otherwise due under this rule if he finds that such waiver is in the best interest of the park system. Such waivers may include the grant of free access on dates selected by the Commissioner, reduced group fees, special promotional fees, etc.

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